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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated October 25, 2001, please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1, shown in clean-copy format, as follows:

Sub D' 7 1. (Twice Amended) A fluid system having a single source of pressurized supply fluid that receives fluid from a reservoir and being operable to control multiple loads, the fluid system comprising:

B1 a first fluid circuit connected to the single source of pressurized supply fluid and having a first directional control valve connected to a first fluid cylinder having head end and rod end ports, the first directional control valve having a supply inlet port connected to the single source of pressurized fluid, first and second outlet ports connected to the respective



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